



THE AGGIE EXPRESS

School Board Officers Elected

The following school board officers were chosen at the annual organizational meeting held on Monday, January 18, 2021.

Denise McBride President
Rod Cole Vice President
Curt Gottschalk Secretary
Robert Pasch Treasurer
Ron Neyer Trustee
Tom Gross Trustee
Erin Ludwig Trustee

The School Board meetings are held on the third Monday of every month unless otherwise noted. The start time for this year's meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. This year's meeting schedule is as follows:

| Monday, February 15, 2021 | 7:00 p.m. |
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| Monday, March 15, 2021 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday, April 19, 2021 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday, May 17, 2021 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday, June 28, 2021 Budget Hearing | 6:30 p.m. |
| Monday, June 28, 2021 Regular Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday, July 19, 2021 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday, August 16, 2021 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday, September 20, 2021 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday, October 18, 2021 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday, November 22, 2021** | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday, December 20, 2021 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday, January 17, 2022 Organizational Meeting | 6:30 p.m. |
| Monday, January 17, 2022 Regular Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
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^{**}November 15, 2021 is the 3rd Monday of the month, however, November's meeting is scheduled for November 22, 2021 to accommodate the deer hunters.

Beal City Elementary Students of the Month December



Back Row: (L to R) Brooklin Sturm-Richmond, Grady Gatrell, Sophia Tilmann Front Row: (L to R) Alondra Contreras-Martinez, Kiley Chippewa, Kairi Helwig

Writing Focus at Beal City Elementary

In continuing our partnership with the Reading Now Network, the staff at Beal City Elementary are working hard to refine our instructional practices in writing. Students at all grade levels are receiving intentional instruction to improve their writing skills. Mrs. Farrell is also serving in a coaching role for classroom teachers to help guide the process. We are very excited about the impact that this can have for all of our students!

Congratulations to Eva Lynch for being selected 1st team Highland Conference for volleyball. She was accidentally left off the Fall Post Season Athletic Awards article that was in our January Aggie Express. We apologize for that mishap but we want to congratulate Eva and all the fall award winners!!

Our Physics class uses matchbox cars to learn about speed, acceleration and Newton's Laws of Motion.





Mr. Leppert's Chemistry students using rock collections to identify physical characteristics of substances!







Staff Member of the Month

The Beal City Board of Education, in appreciation of the hard work that is done by all members of Beal City Public Schools, would like to honor staff members each month for their service to the students and community of Beal City. This month's honoree is Melinda Burton.

Melinda is the Head Cook at Beal City Public Schools. Due to COVID we had many shifts to our program: the menu, lunch practices, serving changes, packaging and distributing food as well as in-person feeding. Melinda never wavers to do what works best for the staff and, more importantly, our students. We are lucky to have her in the kitchen making sure everything runs smoothly on a daily basis. Thank you for your hard work at BCPS Melinda!



Feature Staff Person

Beal City Schools would like to introduce Amy Jo Shaner as our newest bus driver. Amy has 2 daughters that are both in college. Her oldest is going for teaching and her youngest is going into the medical field. She also has a 2 year old golden retriever name Zoey.

Amy loves the outdoors including camping, fishing and hunting. Her favorite food is anything pasta.

We are very excited to have Amy join our great group of bus drivers! Welcome, Amy!

Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on January 18, 2021:

- The December payments of bills as presented: General Fund payments \$760,662.33, Payroll Account payments of \$2,541.98, Hot Lunch payments \$9,175.90. Student Activity Account payments of \$11,951.53, Athletic Fund payments of \$381.00.
- Approve the EPSLA/COVID particle extension as presented.
- Schools of Choice 105 and 105C programs for the 2021-2022 school year.
- The hiring of Amy Shaner as a full time bus driver.
- To participate in the agreement between the IRS and ORS regarding the 3% deduction.

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Breakfast Logic

Breakfast is a good thing!

When students need to take achievement tests, schools strongly urge them to eat breakfast first on testing days. Why? Because we know that when students eat breakfast, they perform better and are better able to concentrate. Yet on "normal" days, many students fail to eat breakfast: they're too busy, too tired, or just don't know what to eat.

Let's help students to perform better every day, by making sure they eat a healthy breakfast at home or at school.

Every morning our breakfast consists of a hot breakfast item and these cold whole grain items: uncrustables, donuts, breakfast kit, bagels/cream cheese and milk. Students must choose a fruit and 2 grain items.

Location: Aggie Cafe

Breakfast time every day: 7:40-8:05

Full pay price: \$1.75

Reduced: \$.30

Remember, no breakfast will be served if we have a delay.

#SupportSchoolMeals

to support your family and your community.



Everything you need to know about free school meals.

WHY IS IT AVAILABLE?

To help ensure children have access to nutritious food as the country recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

1 in 4 kids in the U.S. could face hunger this year because of COVID-19.1

WHO IS IT FOR?

Any child age 18 and under.

WHERE?

Check with your school district to learn more about free meals this fall.

Why you should participate:



Picking-up or eating free meals supports the school nutrition program.

> MORE **MEALS**

MORE **FUNDING**



MORE FUNDING means we can serve

Every day,

kids rely on school meals for their daily nutrition.2



Ensures the whole school community has access to nutritious meals.

Free meals help lower your grocery budget



and reduce the stress of meal preparation.





YOU GET **FREE MEALS FOR** YOUR CHILDREN while supporting

your community.



Research shows that students who participate in the school meal programs milk, fruits, & during meal times.3